

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 6, and 12 are independent. In light of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended the claims to more appropriately recite the claimed invention. It is respectfully submitted that these amendments are being made without conceding the propriety of the Examiner's rejections, but merely to timely advance prosecution of the present application.

In the outstanding Official Action, the Examiner maintained her rejection of claims 1-13 as being anticipated by Umeyama (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0057473). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection.

Examiner Interview

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner and her Supervisor for the Interview conducted on October 7, 2008. During the Interview, the parties discussed the outstanding rejections. The Examiner indicated that she was modifying her rejection to rely on memory 208 to teach the first image data storage unit recited in claim 1. Applicants further argued that the teachings of the cited references were insufficient to anticipate the claimed continuous photographing operation and an image data playback unit for continuously and simultaneously displaying on said display unit the plurality of said original image data stored in said first image data storage unit until input from a user is received. The amendments and arguments made herein are consistent with the discussion during the Interview.

By this amendment, Applicants have amended claim 1 to recite a photographing unit for converting incident light into an electric signal and outputting as image data a plurality of original image data captured during a continuous photographing function by a single operation of a shutter button; a first image data storage unit for temporarily storing the plurality of original

image data obtained with ~~a~~the continuous photographing function of said photographing unit; a display unit for displaying said original image data; and an image data playback unit for continuously and simultaneously displaying on said display unit the plurality of said original image data stored in said first image data storage unit, while the continuous photographing function is set, until input from a user is received.

In contrast, as discussed and agreed during the Interview, Umeyama fails to teach or suggest a photographing unit for converting incident light into an electric signal and outputting as image data a plurality of original image data captured during a continuous photographing function by a single operation of a shutter button. Further, Umeyama fails to teach or suggest and an image data playback unit for continuously and simultaneously displaying on said display unit the plurality of said original image data stored in said first image data storage unit, while the continuous photographing function is set, until input from a user is received.

As such, as agreed during the Interview, Umeyama fails to teach or suggest all of the claim elements. Thus, claim 1 is not anticipated by Umeyama. It is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejection be withdrawn.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 2-5 and 8-10 are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1 at least based on their dependency on claim 1. Claims 6 and 12 recite elements similar to those discussed above with regard to claim 1 and thus claims 6 and 12, together with claims dependent thereon, are allowable for the reasons set forth above with regard to claim 1.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Catherine M. Voisin Reg. No.

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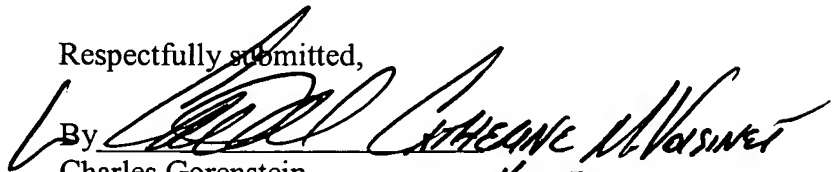
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52,327 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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